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- ☒ 2. The references 1-3 were cited in a counterpart foreign application. An English language version of the foreign search report is attached for the Examiner's information.
- ☒ 3. English language Abstracts of the non-English language references 1-3 are attached hereto.

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- ☒ 4. A computer-generated English language translation of the following Japanese references has been obtained from the website of the Japanese Patent Office ([<http://www.jpo.go.jp>]), and is attached, but has not been reviewed for accuracy. See Reference 1-3.

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	1	JP A 10-99512 w/abstr. + trans.	04/21/1998	Japan		
	2	JP A 10-169272 w/abstr. + trans.	06/23/1998	Japan		
	3	JP A 10-289388 w/abstr. + trans.	10/27/1998	Japan		

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